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SUBJECT: GOK REQUEST FOR PUBLICATIONS

1. GOK, IN FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE, HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ABOUT \$200 WORTH OF BOOKS AND MANUALS SO THAT IT CAN PROCEED WITH ESTABLISHING UNIFORM SYSTEM OF CLASSIFYING, CATEGORIZING AND NUMBERING ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT. REQUEST STEMS FROM GOK DECISION TO ADOPT FEDERAL SUPPLY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (FSCS) AT RECOMMENDATION OF CANADIAN CITIZEN UN ADVISOR.

2. GOK WILL PAY FOR BOOKS. SPECIFIC PUBLICATIONS REQUESTED ARE:

THE FEDERAL CATALOGUING HANDBOOK

SERIES CONSISTS OF:	APPROX COST
H2-1 FSC GROUPS AND CLASSES	\$ 1.00
H2-2 FSC NUMERIC INDEX OF CLASSES	20.00
H2-3 FSC ALPHABETIC INDEX TO CLASSIFICATION	24.00
H4-1 FEDERAL SUPPLY CODE FOR MANUFACTURING NAME TO CODE	22.00
H4-2 FEDERAL SUPPLY CODE FOR MANUFACTURERS CODE TO NAME	20.00
H4-3 FEDERAL SUPPLY CODE FOR MANUFACTURERS (FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS)	14.00
H6 SECTIONS A, B, AND C, INDEX OF APPROVED ITEM NAMES FOR SUPPLY CATALOGUING: INCLUDES DEFINITIONS, DELIMITATIONS, COLLOQUIAL NAMES, CROSS REFERENCES, ETC.	65.00

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THE FEDERAL MANUAL SERIES WHICH DETAILS THE NUMEROUS RULES
AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION OF THE SYSTEM CONSIST OF:

M1-1	ALPHABETIC INDEX	\$ 1.50
M1-2	ITEM IDENTIFICATION (WITH UPDATES)	3.50
M1-3	SUPPLY CLASSIFICATION (WITH UPDATES)	1.00
M1-4	OPERATING PROCEDURES (WITH UPDATES)	2.50
M1-6	OPERATING FORMS (WITH UPDATES)	2.25
M1-8	INTERNATIONAL CATALOGUING	2.00

3. COMMENT: UN ADVISOR INFORMED EMBOFF THAT HE HAS BEEN TRYING FOR PAST THREE YEARS TO CONVINCE GOK TO ADOPT US FSCS SYSTEM. RECENT DECISIONS BY SAUDI ARABIA AND BAHRAIN TO DO SO HAVE HELPED PROMPT GOK TO ADOPT US SYSTEM. UN ADVISOR BELIEVES ADOPTION OF US SYSTEM HERE WILL BE GREAT HELP IN IMPROVING STORES-MANAGEMENT ASPECT OF GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION. HE HAS PERSONALLY URGED EMBASSY TO DO WHATEVER IT CAN TO ASSIST GOK AS IT BEGINS TO WORK WITH NEW SYSTEM. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD HELP SINCE ADOPTION OF US SYSTEM WILL BE LITTLE NOTICED BUT IMPORTANT STEP BY GOK TOWARD BETTER MANAGEMENT, AND US INFLUENCE IN THIS AREA WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO OUR OWN LARGER INTERESTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF PUBLICATIONS CANNOT BE SENT DIRECTLY. WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ASAP NAME OF APPROPRIATE USG OFFICE, PRESUMABLY WITHIN GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, TO WHICH GOK CAN WRITE DIRECTLY FOR INFO AND FOR PUBLICATIONS THEMSELVES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOK MAY WISH EVENTUALLY TO CONSULT ON WIDER RANGE OF RELATED TOPICS INCLUDING, PERHAPS, TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. SHOULD BE NOTED STORES-MANAGEMENT IS A FUNCTION OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE. HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE QUICK REPLY TO GOK REQUEST.
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